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Coroner Investigator's Report

CALL INFO	NAME OF DECEASED (LAST, FIRST MIDDLE) DALBIANCO, Gino				TENTATIVE ID <input type="checkbox"/> UNIDENTIFIED <input type="checkbox"/>		CASE NUMBER 2018-00837	
	REPORTED BY Lt. Johnson		REPORTED BY PHONE NO.		REPORTING AGENCY Santa Rita Jail			REFERENCE NUMBER 18-004127
	INVESTIGATOR Matthew Meldrum		CALL DATE AND TIME 3/8/2018 9:35		CASE TYPE Removal Case			
	DATE AND TIME OF DEATH 3/8/2018 8:35		DATE OF BIRTH 10/8/1959	AGE 58 Years	GENDER Male	RACE Caucasian/White	MARITAL STATUS Single	VET? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
DECEDENT	HGT 69	WGT 180	EYE COLOR Brown	HAIR COLOR Black	OCCUPATION UNK		EMPLOYER	
	Preliminary Summary							
DEATH	LOCATION OF DEATH Santa Rita Jail						LOD TYPE Other	
	ADDRESS (STREET, CITY, STATE, ZIP) 5325 Broder Blvd Dublin CA 94568						COUNTY Alameda	
	Manner Natural			Death Certificate Signed By: K. Easling, Deputy Sheriff				
	Cause A ACUTE PULMONARY EMBOLI						Interval	Hours
	Cause B						Interval	
	Cause C						Interval	
	Cause D						Interval	
Other Significant Conditions		None						
NOTIFICATION	LEGAL NEXT OF KIN			RELATIONSHIP		TELEPHONE NO.		
	NOTIFIED BY			METHOD		DATE AND TIME		
	IDENTIFICATION METHOD			DATE AND TIME				
INCIDENT	LOCATION OF INCIDENT						AT WORK <input type="checkbox"/>	
	ADDRESS (STREET, CITY, STATE, ZIP)						COUNTY	DATE AND TIME OF INCIDENT
	INVESTIGATING AGENCY Alameda County Sheriff's Office-ETS			INV AGENCY PHONE NUMBER		OFFICER Det. Ramirez		
DISP	FUNERAL HOME Bay Area Cremation & Funeral Service			BODY RELEASED TO FUNERAL HOME ON 4/30/2018 15:08				
	Full Autopsy <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Partial Autopsy <input type="checkbox"/>	Inspection <input type="checkbox"/>	Record Review <input type="checkbox"/>	Inspection w/Specimen <input type="checkbox"/>	EXAM BY Michael Ferenc		



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Investigator Narrative

Decedent: DALBIANCO, Gino
Case Number: 2018-00837
Investigator: Matthew Meldrum

First Call Information:

On Thursday, March 08, 2018, about 0935 hours, I (Meldrum) spoke to Santa Rita Jail Lt J. Johnson #1528 who called to report the death of an inmate identified as 58 year old male Gino Dalbianco (PFN: [REDACTED]). According to Lt Johnson, at 0753 hours, Housing Unit 9 (HU9) deputies were conducting IOL (Inmate Observation Log) checks in A-Pod and found Dalbianco unresponsive inside his cell (A-16). Dalbianco was lying supine on the top bunk with a blanket covering his body, as if he was sleeping. The deputies started CPR and requested medical aid. Alameda County Fire Department responded and pronounced Dalbianco's death, at 0835 hours, after life saving measures failed. Lt Johnson reported no trauma to Dalbianco's body and nothing suspicious inside his cell. Lt Johnson told me Dalbianco's cell mate was out for pod time, (a recreational time for inmates to leave their cells and congregate with other inmates), when Dalbianco was found.

According to Lt Johnson, Dalbianco was originally incarcerated on February 14, 2018, by the Alameda County Sheriff's Office - Eden Town Substation, for [REDACTED].

According to Lt Johnson, Dalbianco was placed on an IOL, on February 28, 2018, at 1208 hours, after [REDACTED]. Lt Johnson said Dalbianco was in Housing Unit 9, a housing unit for inmates with mental health issues, for the duration of his incarceration. Lt Johnson stated there was no record of Dalbianco being involved in a fight or any other physical altercations while at SRJ.

According to Lt Johnson, Dalbianco's last IOL check was, at 0711 hours. Dalbianco was seen inside his cell sleeping. The deputy who conducted the IOL check stated Dalbianco was breathing, and he could see Dalbianco's chest rise and fall. (MMM1859)

Medical Summary:

According to SRJ medical records, Dalbianco's medical history included [REDACTED]. I received a copy of Dalbianco's SRJ medical records for pathologist review. (MMM1859)

According to SRJ medical staff, Dalbianco refused all medical attention, including medication. (MMM1859)

Description of the Death/ Injury Scene:

Dalbianco was pronounced dead at Santa Rita Jail, Housing Unit 9, Cell A-16, located at 5325 Broder Boulevard, Dublin, 94568. (MMM1859)

Body Identification:

I (Meldrum) searched Dalbianco in the CRIMS database and located his inmate record. I compared Dalbianco's booking photograph from CRIMS to the decedent and they matched. (MMM1859)



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On Saturday March 10, 2018 I (Sill) received a fax from the Alameda County Central Identification Bureau (CIB) stating a comparison was made between the finger prints of decedent Gino Dalbianco (DOB: 10/08/1959) to the fingerprints associated with Personal File Number [REDACTED] with the name Gino Willie Dalbianco (DOB 10/08/1959) from the records and files from the Alameda County Sheriff's Office. The fingerprints were identified to have been made by the same subject. (RS2324)

Next of Kin Investigation:

According to SRJ Lt Johnson, Dalbianco had no known next of kin. (MMM1859)

On March 08, 2018, I (Meldrum) searched Dalbianco in the Accurant database and located his personal file. The only family member listed in Dalbianco's Accurant file was someone named [REDACTED] who passed away in 1982. I searched [REDACTED] Accurant file and the only next of kin listed was Gino Dalbianco. I placed a copy of Dalbianco's indigent packet into the case file. (MMM1859)

On March 15, 2018, I (Meldrum) located Dalbianco's CRIMS file. There was no next of kin listed in the file. I called two phone numbers listed in Dalbianco's CRIMS file. The first number was disconnected. The second number was someone who did not know Dalbianco. I placed a digital copy of Dalbianco's CRIMS file into the digital photographs file associated with this case. (MMM1859)

On March 15, 2018, I (Meldrum) searched Dalbianco's name in the Alameda County Clerk Recorder's website. I only located an "Abstract of Judgment" document which did not have any next of kin information. (MMM1859)

On March 27, 2018, about 2200 hours, I (Meldrum) searched Dalbianco's name in google and facebook, but was unable to locate a match for Dalbianco. (MMM1859)

On April 08, 2018, about 2256 hours, I (Meldrum) searched Dalbianco's name in the familytree.com website, but there were no results for possible next of kin. (MMM1859)

On April 16, 2018, about 1925 hours, I (Meldrum) searched the last name Dalbianco in the Accurant database. I located someone named [REDACTED] who lived in the City of [REDACTED]. There were no other matches with the last name Dalbianco, other than Gino Dalbianco. (MMM1859)

On April 17, 2018, about 2130 hours, Deputy Sill and I (Meldrum) went to the address in [REDACTED] in attempts to make contact with [REDACTED]. I spoke to [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] who told me they did not know Gino Dalbianco. (MMM1859)

Other Agency Reports:

Refer to Alameda County Sheriff's Office – SRJ report #18-004127. (MMM1859)

Property and Evidence:

I (Meldrum) issued Coroner's receipt #38938 to SRJ Lt Johnson for Dalbianco's body and clothing. (MMM1859)



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Coroners Fees:

There were Coroner's fees for body removal, body preparation, filing of the death certificate, and county disposition totaling \$899 associated with this case. (MMM1859)

There was no known next of kin for Dalbianco; therefore the Coroner's fees were not paid. (MMM1859)

Investigative Details:

On March 08, 2018, about 1055 hours, Deputy R. Plasencia and I (Meldrum) arrived at SRJ. We walked to HU9 where we met with ETS Detectives Paxton and Ramirez. I spoke to Detective Ramirez who told me the following:

Dalbiano and his cell mate reportedly got along and did not have any documented physical or verbal confrontations. Dalbianco's last suicide attempt was in 1985 when he intentionally overdosed on prescription medication. Dalbianco was prescribed medication at SRJ, but refused to take it. Dalbianco's cell mate also was prescribed medication, but he took it as prescribed, in front of the HU9 nurse who issued it to him one dose at a time. After being placed on an IOL, on February 28, 2018, Dalbianco had no other documented suicidal attempts or ideations.

I saw Dalbianco inside cell A-16 lying supine on the cell floor with medical therapy in place. Dalbianco was wearing jail issued green and white striped pants. Rigor mortis was present in Dalbianco's jaw and lividity was consistent with his positioning. I did not locate any obvious signs of visible trauma to Dalbianco's body. I did not locate any visible signs of petechiae in Dalbianco's eyes, lips, or skin. There were no obvious visible signs Dalbianco was attacked or involved in a physical altercation. Dalbianco seemed fairly clean and well kept.

I searched through Dalbianco's cell and did not locate a suicide note or letter of intent. Dalbianco's cell was void of any personal property.

Deputy Plasencia took digital photographs of Dalbianco and the scene. I zip-tied paper bags around Dalbianco's hands to preserve trace evidence. Deputy Plasencia and I prepared Dalbianco for transportation to the Coroner's Bureau. (MMM1859)

On March 08, 2018, about 1321 hours, Deputy Plasencia and I (Meldrum) returned to the Coroner's Bureau. Deputy Plasencia took intake photographs of Dalbianco and we processed him into the morgue. All photographs were copied onto a CD (compact disk) which was placed into Dalbianco's case file. (MMM1859)

On March 08, 2018, about 1515 hours, Coroner's Bureau Captain M. Ditzenburger said she spoke with Commander Madigan. According to Commander Madigan, about two months ago Dalbianco's cell mate told SRJ mental health staff he was "[REDACTED]" due to the fact he was not being sent to John George Psychiatric Pavilion. (MMM1859)

On March 09, 2018, Chief Pathologist Dr M. Ferenc conducted Dalbianco's autopsy. Dr Ferenc determined Dalbianco's cause of death to be "Acute Pulmonary Emboli." There were no signs of trauma



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noted in Dalbianco's autopsy protocol, voiding any concern Dalbianco's cell mate had anything to do with Dalbianco's death. (MMM1859)

On March 13, 2018, Central Valley Toxicology (CVT) received Dalbianco's femoral blood sample. CVT conducted a complete drug screen of the sample and found a result finding of no common acidic, neutral or basic drugs detected. There was also no ethyl alcohol detected in the sample. (MMM1859)

On April 09, 2018, about 0544 hours, I (Meldrum) spoke to Nancy with the National Scheduling Office. Nancy told me Dalbianco was a veteran and had burial benefits. Nancy provided reference #9669590. (MMM1859)

On April 23, 2018, I (Meldrum) emailed Alameda County Public Administrator's (PA) Office Estate Investigator Thomas Dalnoki to inquire if the PA's office would be interested in taking on this case. (MMM1859)

On April 24, 2018, at 0956 hour, I (Meldrum) received an email from Estate Investigator Thomas Dalnoki, who told me the PA would not be interested in taking on Dalbianco's case. I placed a copy of the email into the case file. (MMM1859)

On April 24, 2018, about 2100 hours, I (Meldrum) referred this case to Lieutenant D. Vandagriff for his approval to have Dalbianco processed as a County Indigent. I conducted a diligent search for Dalbianco's next of kin, but was unable to locate any. (MMM1859)

On April 26, 2018, I (Lieutenant David A Vandagriff) reviewed the above case for indigent status consideration. I am satisfied that Detective Meldrum made a diligent and reasonable effort to locate Dalbianco's next of kin but was unsuccessful. I concur with the determination that Dalbianco qualifies for indigent status. (dav1577)

Findings:

On May 21, 2018, I (Meldrum) reviewed this case to determine the manner of Dalbianco's death. Based on my investigation, toxicology results, and the autopsy protocol, I found the manner of Dalbianco's death to be natural. (MMM1859)

Supervisor Review:

On Thursday, May 24, 2018, I (Sgt. Gonzalgo) reviewed this case and found it to be complete. I concur with the findings and approve this case for closure. However, due to the fact the Coroner's fees are still outstanding, the case will show "Closed-Pending Fees" until all fees are paid in full. (NLG5228)

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Director of Emergency Services
Coroner - Marshal

M E M O R A N D U M

DATE: March 9, 2018
FROM: Michael Joseph Ferenc, M.D.
TO: Case File 2018-00837
SUBJECT: AUTOPSY PROTOCOL

An autopsy was performed on the body of Gino Dalbianco at the Coroner's Bureau, 2901 Peralta Oaks Court, Oakland, California, on March 9, 2018, at about 9:10 a.m.

FINDINGS

- 1) BILATERAL ACUTE PULMONARY EMBOLI.
- 2) CARDIAC HYPERTROPHY.
- 3) CORONARY ATHEROSCLEROSIS, SLIGHT.
- 4) ENLARGED FATTY LIVER.
- 5) NEPHROSCLEROSIS.
- 6) NO DRUGS OR ALCOHOL DETECTED IN BLOOD (CVT-18-4120).

CAUSE OF DEATH: ACUTE PULMONARY EMBOLI.

cc: District Attorney

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Body of GINO DALBIANCO

1 CIRCUMSTANCES OF DEATH

2 This 58 year-old gentleman was an inmate at Santa Rita Jail
3 and was found dead in the upper bunk of his cell. He had a
4 psychiatric medical history but refused to take his medications.
5 His medical records indicated a history of thought disorder and
6 past episodes of lice.

7 PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION

8 The unembalmed body of a middle-aged man is on a mortuary
9 table, is dressed in stripped green prison pants, and has a
10 properly labeled identification tag. Paper bags are on the
11 hands. No injuries to the hands are seen. The fingernails are
12 intact. Fingernail clippings are retained.

13 RECENT INJURIES

14 No significant injuries are seen.

15 EXTERNAL EXAMINATION

16 The body of well-developed, well-nourished, middle-aged,
17 light-complexion man is reported to be 58 years, 69 inches, and
18 180 pounds. Rigor mortis is moderate. Livor mortis is
19 posterior, slight, red blue, and fixed.

20 Multiple tattoos are present on the limbs, and anterior
21 torso (Pictures taken).

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22 The head shows no significant trauma or scars. The hair is
23 black with occasional grey, wavy, and about 2 to 4 inches. A
24 full beard is seen. The eyelids, sclerae, and conjunctivae are
25 unremarkable. The eyes are brown. The pupils are roughly round
26 and equal. The nose and mouth show no lesions. An airway tube
27 is present. The teeth are in very poor condition. The ears are
28 intact.

29 The neck shows no significant trauma or scars. The chest
30 shows no significant trauma or scars. A 1 inch tan
31 discoloration over the sternum is consistent with
32 cardiopulmonary resuscitation. The breasts are of a man. The
33 abdomen shows no significant trauma. A 4 inch scar is on the
34 right lower quadrant. Cardioversion pads are on the torso. The
35 genitalia are of a circumcised man.

36 The arms and forearms show no significant trauma. Small
37 irregular shaped scars are on the arms. A 2-1/2 inch, oval scar
38 is on the right forearm. A vascular line is in the left
39 antecubital fossa. The hands, fingers, and fingernails are
40 intact. The legs and feet show no significant trauma. Small
41 scars are on the shins and dorsum of the right foot.

42 The back shows no significant trauma or scars. The anus is
43 unremarkable.

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66 and great vessels show no thrombi or emboli.

67 PULMONARY SYSTEM: The right and left lungs are 550 and 500
68 grams. The right and left pulmonary artery branches are
69 occluded by coiled red-brown to focally grey, minimally
70 adherent, emboli casts extending into 2nd and 3rd generation
71 branches. No organizing emboli are seen. No pulmonary webs are
72 seen. No significant increase in intimal plaques is seen. The
73 lungs are red, congested, poorly aerated, and uniform except for
74 slight increased firmness in the left lower lobe (possible early
75 pulmonary infarct).

76 HEPATOBILIARY SYSTEM: The liver is tan yellow, slightly
77 firmer than normal, uniform with smooth glistening surfaces, and
78 1880 grams. The biliary tract is intact, and the gallbladder
79 contains 15 mL of green opaque thin bile. The pancreas is
80 lobulated, normal texture, without focal lesions, and tan.

81 HEMATOPOIETIC SYSTEM: The spleen is normal texture,
82 uniform with a smooth capsule, dark red, and 240 grams. The
83 thymus gland is unremarkable for age. The lymph nodes are not
84 significantly enlarged and show no lesions. The bone marrow of
85 the ribs and calvarium is unremarkable for age.

86 GASTROINTESTINAL SYSTEM: The oropharynx, esophagus, and
87 stomach show no lesions. The stomach contains about 200 mL of

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88 grey opaque thin liquid. No pills are seen. The duodenum,
89 jejunum, ileum, and large bowel show no mucosal, mural, or
90 serosal lesions. The mesentery is intact. The appendix is not
91 identified.

92 GENITOURINARY SYSTEM: The adrenal glands are unremarkable.
93 The renal capsule strips with slight difficulty. Each kidney is
94 180 grams. The cortices are normal thickness, uniform, slightly
95 granular, and red brown. The calyces and collecting systems are
96 not dilated and show no lesions. The pyramids and papillae are
97 intact. The ureters are patent to the empty bladder. The
98 bladder mucosa and wall are unremarkable. The prostate gland
99 shows slight tan-white nodular enlargement. The testes are
100 unremarkable for age.

101 MUSCULOSKELETAL SYSTEM: The muscles show no diffuse
102 findings. Focal very slight hemorrhage and anterior-medial rib
103 fractures are consistent with cardiopulmonary resuscitation. The
104 skeleton is well-developed with moderate osteophytic lipping of
105 the vertebral column.

106 Incision into the back of both legs does not reveal any
107 thrombi in the popliteal veins of calf muscles. But, the left
108 popliteal vein is slightly thickened and milky white.

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109 HEAD AND NERVOUS SYSTEM: The scalp shows no significant
110 hemorrhage. The skull shows no fractures. The dura mater and
111 leptomeninges show no significant hemorrhages or lesions. flis.
112 The circle of Willis shows no aneurysms and no significant
113 atherosclerosis. The brain is 1470 grams. The cerebral
114 hemispheres, cerebellum, and brain stem show no significant
115 focal or diffuse lesions. The grey and white matter, deep
116 nuclei, cerebellar folia, and brain stem show no significant
117 diffuse or focal lesions.

118 ANTERIOR NECK STRUCTURES: The anterior neck muscles show
119 no hemorrhage. The thyroid gland is symmetrical, not enlarged,
120 normal texture, and red brown. The parathyroid glands are not
121 identified. The laryngeal cartilages, cricoid cartilage, and
122 hyoid bone are intact. The tracheal, laryngeal and epiglottic
123 mucosa shows no lesions. The mucosa is tan. The tongue is
124 unremarkable. The posterior pharynx is not obstructed. The
125 prevertebral fascia is intact. The cervical vertebrae are
126 intact.

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128 SPECIMENS RETAINED: femoral vein blood, heart blood,
129 vitreous humor, liver, and gastric contents. A full toxicology
130 screen is requested.

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131 Representative tissue sections are retained in formalin.

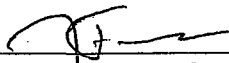
132 OTHER STUDIES: None. Fingernail clippings retained.

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Michael Joseph Ferenc, M.D.



Case Name:

Dalbiano,

TOXICOLOGY NUMBER:

CVT-18-4120

Gino
29 ml femoral blood labeled "Dalbiano, Gino; 2018-00837; 03/09/2018; 0900 hrs;
MJF; LB"

Specimen Description:

Delivered by Tricor

Date 13-Mar-18

Received by Bill Posey

Date 13-Mar-18

Request: Complete Drug Screen

Agency Case # 2018-00837

Requesting Agency

Alameda Co. Coroner's Office
Attn: Acct's Payable
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Report To


Alameda Co. Coroner's Office
Attn: Dr. Ferenc
2901 Peralta Oaks Ct., 2nd Floor
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Specimen: Femoral Blood Sample

RESULTS

Complete Drug Screen: No common acidic, neutral or basic drugs detected.
No Ethyl Alcohol detected.

ENTERED ON: 03/20/18
BY: MSA #252


B. L. Posey

March 19, 2018

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